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REFS: (A) OSLO 3678 (B) OTTAWA 7420 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING AUG 15 DEMARCHE TO DCM BY MFA STATE
SECRETARY STOLTENBERG ON A ONE-YEAR POSTPONEMENT OF U.S.
DECISION TO WITHDRAW FROM ILO (REFTEL A) AND SIMILAR PITCH
FROM LO TO LABATT SAME DAY, LO INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY
SANDEGREN GAVE LABATT BACKGROUND ON OTTAWA MEETING AUG 13-14
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(REFTEL B) CALLED BY ILO GOVERNING BODY CHAIRMAN JOE MORRIS.
REQUEST TO USG TO POSTPONE ILO DECISION BEYOND DATE OF
END OF TWO-YEAR NOTICE PERIOD BASED ON ADVISORY OPINION OF
ILO LEGAL COUNSEL TO MORRIS THAT THIS WAS POSSIBLE UNDER
ILO CONSTITUTION, ACCORDING TO SANDEGREN. SANDEGREN ALSO
REPORTED THAT BRITISH TUC HAD APPROACHED LO WITH IDEA THAT
INITIATIVE TO GET COMPROMISE AT ILO ACCEPTABLE TO U.S. AND

ARABS, BLOC COUNTRIES AND G-77 BE STARTED AT ONCE.
GOVERNMENTS, TRADE UNIONS AND EMPLOYERS WOULD BE INVOLVED
IN THIS EFFORT. TUC HAS, SANDEGREN SAYS, ALREADY BROACHED
IDEA WITH BRITISH GOVERNMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING AUG 15 DEMARCHE TO DCM BY MFA STATE SECRETARY
STOLTENBERG ON ONE-YEAR POSTPONEMENT OF U.S. DECISION TO
WITHDRAW FROM ILO, AND SIMILAR PITCH BY LO INTERNATIONAL
SECRETARY SANDEGREN SAME DAY, SANDEGREN GAVE LABATT BACK-
GROUND ON OTTAWA MEETING WEEKEND OF AUG 13-14 CALLED BY ILO
GB CHAIRMAN JOE MORRIS OF CANADA, WHICH SANDEGREN ATTENDED.
ACCORDING TO LO REPORT, MEETING INCLUDED MORRIS, SANDEGREN,
JOHN HARKER, CANADIAN LABOR CONFERENCE (CLC) INTERNATIONAL
SECRETARY; GERT MUHR, DBG (GERMANY); SVEND BACKE VOGNBJERG,
NORDIC TRADE UNION COUNCIL; JOHNY VAN DER VEKEN, ICFTU;
AND HERBERT MEIER, AUSTRIAN OEGB. BRITISH TUC WAS INVITED
BUT DID NOT ATTEND. CONSENSUS OF MEETING REPORTED IN
DOCUMENT CONTAINED REFTEL B. SANDEGREN TOLD LABATT ADDITIONALLY
THAT ILO LEGAL COUNSEL HAD DEVELOPED A FORMULA UNDER
THE ILO CONSTITUTION FOR DELAY OF WITHDRAWAL AT MORRIS'
REQUEST AND ON AN INFORMAL BASIS, AND THAT MORRIS WANTED
FACT OF ILO COUNSEL'S WORK HELD CLOSELY. HE NOTED THAT
NO FORMULA FOR DELAYING WITHDRAWAL HAS BEEN TESTED BEFORE,
AND THAT ILO LAWYERS OFFERED ONLY AN ADVISORY OPINION THAT
THE IDEA WAS CONSTITUTIONALLY VALID.

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3. THOUGH UNABLE TO ATTEND OTTAWA MEETING, THE BRITISH
TUC SUPPORTS MORRIS' INITIATIVE, ACCORDING TO SANDEGREN, AND HAS ALSO
APPROACHED THE LO AND OTHER GROUPS ATTENDING THE MEETING WITH A
PLAN TO LAUNCH AT ONCE AN INTENSIVE EFFORT TO GET A COMPROMISE
SOLUTION TO ILO PROBLEM THAT IS ACCEPTABLE TO U.S., ARABS,
BLOC COUNTRIES AND G-77. THE TUC PLAN WOULD INVOLVE A
ROUND OF CONTACTS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT, WORKER AND EMPLOYER
DELEGATIONS OF THE ILO. THE TUC HAS, ACCORDING TO
SANDEGREN, ALREADY APPROACHED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, AND
HOPES THAT HMG WILL PREVAIL ON USG AND OTHERS TO JOIN THE
EFFORT.

4. LO SUPPORTS THE TUC PLAN AND WILL MAKE A NUMBER OF
CONTACTS AMONG WORKER DELEGATIONS, BUT HAS NOT DECIDED AS
YET WHETHER OR NOT TO ASK THE GON TO JOIN THE EFFORT.

5. THE NORWEGIAN EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATION (NAF) ALSO TOLD
LABATT AUG 16 THAT NAF HAS ASKED THE U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
TO SUPPORT THE REQUEST TO THE USG FOR ONE-YEAR DELAY IN ITS
WITHDRAWAL DECISION.

6. COMMENT: THE LATEST ROUND OF ACTIVITY DEMONSTRATES

THE CONTINUING CONCERN OF THE IMEC TRADE UNION GROUP OVER THE DETERIORATING SITUATION IN THE ILO, AND OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF A U.S. WITHDRAWAL. THE GON SERIOUSLY SHARES THIS CONCERN AND CONTINUES TO CONSIDER ILO PROBLEM IN THE CONTEXT OF A POSSIBLE BREAKDOWN OF THE UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES SYSTEM. BOTH LO AND THE GON ARE WATCHING THE USG DELIBERATIONS ON WITHDRAWAL FROM ILO VERY CLOSELY; EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT ABREAST OF ANY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.

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